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WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO-2), released the following statement today regarding the continued lack of bipartisanship when the White House met with Republicans at today's health care summit:

"The summit held today was nothing more than political theatre. The President's health care proposal is the perfect example of the fact that Democratic leadership is not interested in working across the aisle. This proposal will cost almost \$1 trillion over the next decade, allow Washington bureaucrats to make personal healthcare decisions and benefits trials attorneys by failing to enact meaningful tort reform.

The American public has been clear in its distaste for the Democrat's healthcare plan. Unfortunately, they do not want to listen. While our first and foremost priority should be the economy and jobs, if the Democrats are truly interested in healthcare reform, the current healthcare proposal needs to be scrapped and Congress needs to start over."

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